2027 Recreation and Sport Tax Abatement Program

Application Guidelines

Objective

The objective of the *Recreation and Sport Tax Abatement Program* is to provide financial support in the form of a tax abatement to Sports Organizations that provide a community benefit through recreation and sport.

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The City of Saskatoon promotes fair and equitable practices in employment and the provision of services to all citizens of Saskatoon.

About the Program

The City of Saskatoon's *Recreation and Sport Tax Abatement Program* was created in 2022 and supports organizations that further the goals and objectives of the Recreation and Parks Master plan. Read more about the Recreation and Parks Master Plan here: https://www.saskatoon.ca/parks-recreation-attractions/recreational-activities-fitness/recreation-parks-master-plan

Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of this grant program is to:

- provide non-profit and charitable Sports Organizations with financial support for recreation and sport activities that provide a benefit and enhance the quality of life for Saskatoon residents; and
- provide fair, consistent treatment and consideration of financial support to Sports Organizations who demonstrate delivery of recreation and sport activities in an effective and efficient manner

Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for support, your organization must:

- Be a registered non-profit Sports corporation or be a registered member of a recognized provincial sport-governing body and not in operation for commercial gain;
- Be based in Saskatoon and serve the needs of Saskatoon residents;
- Have been in operation for at least two consecutive years;
- Own its building and land;
- Have a minimum of $5,000,000 liability and participant insurance;

- Maintain a non-restrictive membership with programs, services, and activities available to a broad sector of the community;
- Have as its primary purpose the provision of space and delivery of programs for a specific sport activity to all ages and align with the objectives of the Recreation and Parks Master Plan;
- Adhere to the rules and regulations governing all developmental stages of its specific sport activity; and
- Comply with all applicable regulations and legislation.

Funding

The *Recreation and Sport Tax Abatement Program* provides a tax abatement for the City tax portion of a successful applicant's property taxes. Tax abatements may be granted to the percentage of the property that is used for recreation and sports activities, as determined by the City of Saskatoon. If the amount of funding requests is larger than the amount of funding available, funding will be prorated amongst successful applicants.

Assessment Process

City administration will receive and review applications for eligibility and present recommendations to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services for consideration and approval.

Notification

Applicants will be informed, in writing, of the results of their application by June 15, 2027.
If an organization breaches any conditions of the tax abatement, one or more of the following actions may be taken:

- Notice will be given that the tax abatement has been revoked;
- The applicant will be disqualified from applying for a tax abatement for a specified time; or
- Repayment of funds equal to the foregone tax revenue will be required.

Acknowledgement

Grant recipients are required to acknowledge support from the City of Saskatoon. Logos may only be used for the year in which the funding is provided. City of Saskatoon Funding Recognition guidelines can be found here: www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/community-services/community-development/funding_recognition_guidelines.pdf.

Processing

The City of Saskatoon will only accept and process applications that are submitted online prior to the grant deadline. If you require assistance with the online application, please contact the Grants Clerk at 306.975.3383 or grants@saskatoon.ca. The City of Saskatoon reserves the right to request additional information.

Application Process

Apply online: https://cityofsaskatoon.smapply.io/ The application will ask for information on your organization (contact information, insurance policy number, name of insurance company, non-profit number, etc.), information on use of space, proof of ownership, and recent financial statements.

Applications must be received by 4:30 pm, February 28, 2027